

KC DX NEWS

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NEXT KCDXC MEETING: August 30 -The July KCDXC meeting will be a virtual meeting on the 30th, at 6:30 PM on Zoom. Like last time KØVXU will send out an invitational link to members. The famous Pie Eating Contest will be at the Zoom meeting hosted by KØXM. **BEAUTY IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER DE KØCA:**



DE Cliff, KØCA: The 60 ft. tower is Rohn 45. The stacked beams are KLM KT34XA 10-15-20 meter beam at 60 ft.; Cushcraft 2 element 40 meter beam at 68 feet; Cushcraft 3 element 12-17-30 meter WARC beam at 76 feet.

KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	DIGI	IOTA	160	6 M DXCC	DX Challenge
AB0X	357	353	349	232		225	36	2380
W0GJ	354	344	354	292		236	20	2799
N0RB	353	347	351				23	2269
K0CA	350	349	350	331	318	112		2631
N0CWR	350	349	350	326	975	202	66	2890
NX0I	350	349	347	244		208	4	2502
K3PA	350	348	345	319		188	36	2732
K0HQW	349	333	347			33		1352
KS0DX	347	318	348	129	360			2218
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
AC0A	348	318	348		838		15	2223
K0VXU	348	335	331	265	439	143	2	2295
K0GY	344	340	344	290			5	2295
KB0X	336							
K0AP	334	331	325	295		47	8	2353
W0QQ	334	240	332	254	151	111	25	1808
K4SX	331	277	314	146		52		1617
KE5BR	330	177	297	79				742
WA0WOF	330							
K0THN	329	314	284		179	1		
W0MB	325	229	324	251				1849
W0FS	322	270	295	230	657	181		1165
K0XM	321	282	274	42	26			1770
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1296
AC0C	310	306	267	243	160	128	3	1852
K0IZ	300		300					
NS0D	263	219	142	130		3	2	
W0XE	248	216	193	14				833
AI60	249	217	193	205		19	10	936
AD0K	226	214	80	85	183	22	3	888
W0DR	225	30	174	70		5	7	622
N9GB	203							
N0EG	193	159	141	90		1	3	539
KS0AA	172	75	84	154		3		507
W0ZAP	140	37	75	110		18	2	382
WD0SRI	63	17	56			1	1	

Red indicates member is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions.

NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter.
Send to ab0x@kc.rr.com . All updates are shared with W0XE, for the KCDXC web page. Please only one update a month.

BERT ISAACKS, KA5PA0, BECOMES SILENT KEY

Albert Isaacks Obituary

Here is Albert Isaacks's obituary. Please accept Echovita's sincere condolences.

We are sad to announce that on July 26, 2021, at the age of 79, Albert Isaacks of Blue Springs, Missouri, born in Independence, Missouri passed away. Leave a sympathy message to the family on the memorial page of Albert Isaacks to pay them a last tribute. You may also light a candle in honor of Albert Isaacks.

He was predeceased by: his parents, Albert N. Isaacks and Louise Wiegant Isaacks; and his brother Thaddeus Isaacks. He is survived by : his sons, Richard Isaacks (Stephanie) of Blue Springs, MO and Christopher Isaacks (Stephanie) of Kansas City, KS; his brother Henry Isaacks (Kathy) of Des Plaines, IL; his grandchildren, David Isaacks (Ashley), Alicia Isaacks, Olivia Isaacks and Landon Isaacks; and his great grandchild Ezekiel Isaacks.

Visitation was held on Saturday, August 7th 2021 from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Meyers Funeral Chapel (1600 W Main St, Blue Springs, MO 64015). A memorial service was held on Saturday, August 7th 2021 at 6:00 PM at the same location.

Memorial contributions in Bert's name are suggested to the Heart of America Council-Boy Scouts of America, 10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131.

Suggested donation: Boy Scouts of America

BERT:

By K0LW

A unique friend.

I'll miss Bert, KA5PA0, he was quite a character and a good friend to me and many others.

Bert was one of the best tower hands I have ever met and had all of the positive qualities of a retired union iron worker and few of the negatives. I learned to accept his foibles as he accepted mine.

This was a guy who spent 8 hours a day laying a bead on I-beams on Town Pavilion up to 600' in the air and hanging upside down at times. He would climb masts above towers like a monkey and get things done I only dreamed of. If you want to see his "classic work" just go to Independence Fire Station #1. His homemade brackets to support the Rohn number 80 tower is a monument to his need to do a job that will last well after he and many of us are gone..

I asked Bert to put a foundation in for my US Tower 72' tower. He doubled the re-bar and used 50% more concrete than specified. It too will survive beyond a few lifetimes.

Two of my favorite hams, Bert and Dennis, NØEV, (now both SK) traveled with me to install an 89' US Tower and SteppIR Monster for K9CT in Illinois. It was cold and wet, but we got it done with Bert's expert help and enthusiasm. He only re-engineered a few of SteppIR's designs.

On Bert's softer side, he loved gardening and would spend hours matching gardening secrets with my XYL, Mary.

Bert was someone who will be missed by many, especially me.

73 Bert, RIP

Lee, KØLW



Just found this "Classic Bert" photo. Lost plate...no problem, I have a Sharpie. KØLW

If you knew Bert, you would totally understand this picture!



ASK ELMER???

BY WD0SRI

It has been a long while since I have had enough questions from club members, contesters and DXers to publish an article for the KCDXC newsletter. This column is designed to answer important questions from hams and provide some degree of technical knowledge about an assortment of technical questions that arise from our hobby. So, if you have a question that you can't quite get a reliable answer to, send it to my email: wd@sri@redneck.com

Q: Dear Elmer,

Does the number of countries worked and confirmed have a direct relationship to the size of a guy's waist line? Every time I go to Dayton Hamvention and tour the various club suite's, it is clear that the guy's with the most countries almost always is the chubbiest guy's in the room. So, does working more DX cause your waist line to get bigger? DE AA0MZ

A: Dear Jim Bob, there are exceptions to this rule, but generally it is true that the guys with the most countries have the biggest waist line and hence the biggest butts. It is a simple fact that rf cause your waist line to grow. DE WD0SRI

Q: Dear Elmer,

What is the best coax to use??? DE Many Techs and new hams.

A: From my vast experience I will rank coax for you. Black coax is the worst coax. Next best is white coax. Second best is gray and by far the best coax is beige. This color is the easiest blend into the back yard background and will match almost any décor inside your shack. DE WD0SRI

Q: Dear Elmer,

I have a difficult time putting pl-259's on the end of coaxes. It's really hard to solder down in those little holes on the pl-259's. Sometimes I get the plug so hot with my soldering iron that it melts the center wire insulators and shorts out the coax. Have you got any tips on how I can easily get pl-259's on my coax??? DE K0VBU.

A: I understand what you mean about putting on pl-259's. Our old friend K0CS(S.K.) used to say his vision of Hell for hams would be to have hams chained to work bench and be forced to solder pl-259's on the end of coaxes for eternity by Satan! Steve's warped mind is not far off! It is a really difficult chore for most hams. Here's what I recommend to do: Get in your car and drive to 82nd and Conser in OP and tell Dan you need some new coax. He says how long and I tell him. Then I lay my debit card on the counter. The rest is easy. I highly recommend this approach. It works every time and you don't ever have to worry about it again. DE WD0SRI

Q: Dear Elmer,

How do I know where the "Room" is for my UHF/VHF radio?? I bought an Icom duobander digital radio, but I could never get anybody to talk to me. When I go to hamfests people consistently tell me just go to the my radio's "Room" and there will be many people to chat with. I can't find the location for my "Room." I am beginning to think that most of them don't know where their "Room" is either. DE L0ST

A: OK, K0LW, Lee, I caught you! You are trying to trick me again. I know you are just messing with me. Everyone knows where their radio "Room" is. DE WD0SRI

Q: What is the best bib overalls for hams to wear when climbing towers and working on ham radio projects outside?? DE W0DR

A: Good question, Big Dave! Over the years I have test worn Big Smith, Dickies, and Carhart. After careful thought and lots of first hand experience I am certain the best bib overalls are the Carhart "Brownie's." They are the strongest overalls in the world and have the most pockets and strongest skin. They are tougher than a night in jail!

Big Smith is a close second with their special long, thin pocket for square carpenter's pencils and/or Phillips head tweaker screwdrivers.

However, the Carhart's have the strongest hammer loop on the side and have the easiest to adjust over the shoulder straps. N0AG suggests you leave one strap unfastened and flopping over your back if you go to flea markets and garage sales in KC MO or Independence. (In the Summer, no tee shirt is needed underneath!)

The insulated Brownie's can make you feel comfortable on brisk days and most importantly keep the family jewels nice and warm.

The Carhart Brownie's have been endorsed by AC0C, AB0X, NX0I, and N0AG. Tom reports a ham can carry four 807's in the two side pockets when you go fishing. Brownies make you feel like you are wearing a suit of armor! DE WD0SRI

DX NEWS & VIEWS

BY AB0X

Bouvet Island DXpedition Negotiating with New Charter Vessel,
Planning Begins Anew

The [Intrepid-DX Group](#)'s plans for a 2023 DXpedition to Bouvet Island are on the front burner again. In a brief announcement to the "global DX community," DXpedition co-leader Paul Ewing, N6PSE, said this week that a new charter vessel contract is in the offing. The 3Y0J DXpedition has refunded all donations to its earlier announced plan, advanced before losing its contract with the charter vessel *Braveheart*, and Ewing conceded, "there was a high degree of uncertainty that we could move forward." *Braveheart* captain Nigel Jolly, K6NRJ, told the DXpedition in June that the *Braveheart* was being put up for sale, and he was canceling its contract for the 3Y0J voyage.

Ewing said this week that the team has found a suitable and affordable vessel whose skipper is willing to take a group of a dozen DXers to Bouvet, and they are negotiating the terms of that charter contract at present.

"We have submitted a new application to the Norwegian Polar Institute," Ewing said. The team leadership has been revised. David Jorgensen, WD5COV, will be a co-leader, responsible for operations and antennas, while Kevin Rowett, K6TD, will be a co-leader, responsible for systems/networks, procurement, and logistics, and Ewing as a third co-leader, will oversee planning, public relations, tents, and logistics.

"Together, this leadership team will assemble 12 operators to make this vision a reality," Ewing said. "We are revising our website, and soon, we will begin fundraising for this renewed effort." He expressed gratitude for all past sponsors of the Bouvet Island DXpedition initiative and said he hopes they can support the renewed effort as well. A new website is under construction.



A dependency of Norway, Bouvet is a subantarctic volcanic island in the South Atlantic.

The ARRL Letter for August 5, 2021

MORE ON BOUVET:

3Y0 BOUVET ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Update). WOW!!! Earlier in the week who would of thought that we would see "3" (yes three!!) Bouvet DXpeditions being planned for the next three years (2021/2022/2023). However, this all changed by August 12th, with one team canceling their plans for 2023 (see 2023 below).

For the DX community, this is still great news to have two planned DX-peditions to Bouvet Island (DXCC's second most wanted entity) to take place during the next two years. Here is the current breakdown (as we know so far), by year, on the upcoming Bouvet Island operations:

2021 -- The Rebel DX Group is still reporting that they will be active this year from Bouvet Island (AN-002) as 3Y0I. The group's leader Dom, 3Z9DX, states that the team will make a second DXpedition attempt to Bouvet Island sometime in late 2021. The group's first attempt failed in March 2019 due to unrepairable damage to the ship's communication equipment. Currently, details about their planned operation is very quiet and not publicized. Their Web pages, FaceBook Pages and Twitter page are still active at (some not updated):

<https://bouvetoya.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/bouvetoya.org>

http://jouban.jp/3y0i_ja (For JA stations)

<https://twitter.com/Bouvetoyaorg>

<https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup>

<https://www.rebeldxgroup.com>

2022 -- The 3Y0J Group has announced on August 8th, that Kenneth/LA7GIA (Co-Leader), Rune/LA7THA (Co-Leader) and Erwann/LB1QI (Co-Leader) have found a vessel with a proven track record and experienced Polar crew that will take them to Bouvet in November 2022. The vessel is MARAMA: <https://maramaexpeditions.com/en/sailboat-marama> They have assembled a team of 12 operators and plan to spend 20 days around Bouvet. The QTH at Bouvetøya (Bouvet) will be "Cape Fie" at the South East part of the island, the only feasible part where a DXpedition can safely setup the camp on rocky ground. They will not set camp on the glacier. Current list of operators are: Kenneth/LA7GIA, Rune/LA7THA, Erwann/LB1QI, Gjermund/LB5GI, Adrian/K08SCA, Laci/HA0NAR, Dima/RA9USU, Bill/K07SS (Physician), Sandro/VE7NY, Axel/DL6KVA, Mike/AB5EB (Physician) and one other to be announced. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, including 60/30/17/12m, using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8/FT4. Frequencies are posted on their Web page. QSL via M0OX0, direct, OQRS (direct/Bureau) or LoTW. Do NOT request via the normal Bureau card services as these will NOT be answered. Only use the OQRS online service. Option for free bureau cards will be activated at the end when all other cards have been sent out. The team is looking for funding. Sponsors who donate 50 USDs or more PRIOR to the DXpedition start will have their QSL card sent directly, as well as LoTW confirmation. There is no need to do anything if you are a sponsor of the DXpedition. The timing of the QSL cards and LoTW will be processed according to Sponsor level.

For more details and updates, watch: <https://www.3y0j.no> Kenneth, LA7GIA, reports on August 11th: We're happy to announce that InnovAntenna and WIMO have renewed their sponsorship for 3Y0J and will supply us with all the Yagis. Thank you!

We will have several tribanders on 20-15-10, several dual banders on 17- and a monobander on 20m. They will start manufacturing a unique Yagi specifically esigned for Bouvet - it will be named "DXR-3 Bouvet" and will be available for sale to all DXers! We're proud of having a yagi connected to our DXpedition! Let's make it happen!

<https://www.innovantennas.com/en/>

<https://int.wimo.com/en/>

<https://www.3y0j.no/corporatesponsors>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3093983840726129>

2023 -- The Intrepid-DX Group announced on August 3rd that their DXpedition to Bouvet Island was back on and that they have found a suitable/affordable vessel willing to take them to Bouvet. However, this all changed by August 12th. Paul, N6PSE, sent out the following on that date [edited]: Dear DX Community, We now find ourselves the #3 team in line to go to Bouvet. This recent development is not comfortable for us so we are now re-examining the Top Ten most wanted DXCC entities with a plan to redirect our efforts to an activation that will be most beneficial for everyone. We are now closing our plans to visit Bouvet, however we plan to activate a different rare and such needed entity in January/February 2023. That is now our focus. Watch for more updates on this exciting new project. We wish our former 3Y0J Teammates a safe and productive journey to Bouvet.

Thank you,

The Intrepid-DX Group

<http://www.intrepid-dx.com>

OH0, ALAND ISLANDS. Members of the Barlinecki Klub Krotkofalowcow PZK (called the SP1KRF Team) will be active as OH0KRF from Aland Island (EU-002) between August 23-29th. Operators mentioned are Wies/SP1EG, Zibi/SP1F, Smolen/SP1IVL, Janusz/SP3VAX, Rafal/SP1Z and Wojtek/SQ1W0. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB, FT8/FT4 and RTTY. QSL via SP1KRF.

OH0, ALAND ISLANDS. Roger, SM7RYR, will be active as OH0/SM7RYR from Eckerö Aland Islands (EU-002) sometime this month. Activity will be CW using a Yaesu FT-891 into a ground-plane vertical. QSL only via LoTW.

OJ0, MARKET REEF (Reminder). Pasi, OH3WS, will be active as OJ0WS from Market Reef (EU-053) between August 21-28th. Activity will be on various HF bands using CW. QSL via his home callsign.

SV5, DODECANESE. Claudio, HB90AU, will be active as SV5/HB90AU from Kar- pathos Island (EU-001) between September 4-16th. Activity will be holiday style on 80/40/30/20/17/15/12/10 meters using SSB, RTTY and FT8, with a Yaesu FT-991A into an End-Fed antenna. QSL via HB90AU, direct (w/SAE & 3 USDs), by the Bureau, LoTW or eQSL.

TC, TURKEY (LH Op). Members of the Tango Alfa Ham Radio Club (YM1KE) will activate the callsign TC1LHS from Rumeli Karaburun Lighthouse (ILLW TR0002) during the International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend (ILLW) between August 20-22nd. The Rumeli Karaburun Lighthouse is located at the northwest of Istanbul and is the third most powerful lighthouse in the world as the light intensity.

The RDA diploma program (Russian Districts Award)

<http://rdaward.org/indexeng.htm> was developed in 2001 by an Amateur Radio operator from Russia, RD3A, Roman Novikov. The unique instrument of offset of areas is developed on the website <http://mydx.eu> by ES1TU, Aadu. The Russian Districts Award is an Amateur Radio award similar to USA-CA and JCC. There are 2,642 districts in Russia. You need to order the award to get into this list. You can get the award based on the number of different confirmed districts (RDA's). Most of the confirmations are based on the logs we have received from Russian stations. You can also send QSL scans (or screenshots of LOTW) to get the district confirmed. If you have more than one Callsign - you can group them together. Send an email to rx3rc@rdaward.org with a list of calls to merge. The complete set of rules of the RDA can be found <http://rdaward.org/indexeng.htm>. Base of call signs of RDA stations in Russia: <https://cfmrda.ru/#/callsignsRda>. Every year in August, the traditional RDA Contest is held, which Amateur Radio operators from around the world are invited to participate in. https://ua9qcq.com/en/contestinfo.php?lang=en&t_id=36&mo=8&Year=2021
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THANKS TO THE ARRL LETTER, RD3A & THE OHIO/PENN DX BULLETIN!

NØCWR: TRULY OUTSTANDING IN HIS FIELD!

Many of us have known it for a long time, but this picture from the road in front of NØCWR's new QTH proves it. Kevin is truly "Outstanding in his Field!"



It will take a little time to put up some listening antennas, but a sleeping giant has been awakened on 160! This view makes many of us city dwellers envious of his new QTH. Few neighbors, low noise and plenty of space for new antennas.- ABØX

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